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### **Fayetteville State University Project Breaks HUB Participation Records and Wins Awards**

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The Office for Small and Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB), a division of the North Carolina Department of Administration, presented its Good Faith Effort Awards at the heavily attended 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual State Construction Conference held March 27, 2014. The awards went to multiple winners on the Fayetteville State University (FSU) project that broke records for HUB business participation with 53%. NC General Statutes require a “Good Faith Effort” goal of only 10% participation by HUB businesses for each building project done by a private entity on a State facility.

The Good Faith Effort Award winners were: Fayetteville State University – Owner/Agency, Rentenbach – Construction Industry; RJ Leeper Constructors – Construction Industry; M-R Electric & Security Alarms, Inc. – HUB Firm. These organizations are construction industry professionals who exemplified the spirit of the Good Faith Effort laws through their work with minority, women, and disabled owned businesses.

“The outstanding participation numbers that these companies achieved made their status as award winners pretty clear,” said Grover Burtney, Construction Outreach Coordinator for the HUB Office. “Good Faith Effort Goals can’t be reached in the eleventh hour. The organizations involved with this FSU project began their process months in advance and it paid-off in the end.”

The award-winning project was the new Science and Technology Building at FSU. The high percentage of HUB business participation was due to the Rentenbach and RJ Leeper team focusing on the following factors: early notification and outreach; facilitating local relationships; targeted follow-up and teamwork during the prequalification process; individual project assistance; and minority contractor mentoring efforts during the post bid/buyout and construction phases. Specifically during the prequalification phase, the Rentenbach and RJ Leeper team worked together to break the trade packages down into smaller units which contributed to a large number of HUB contractors being prequalified at the first-tier level.

For more information about the awards, please contact [Kat Woods](#), Small Business Liaison, at 919-807-2436 or visit [www.doa.nc.gov/hub](http://www.doa.nc.gov/hub).

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